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Sent: Tuesday, May 07, 2019 9:07 AM
To: Little, Shauna
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Subject: RE: Draft Permit for Specialty Minerals, MA0005991
Attachments: SMI Draft Permit_MassDEP Comments.docx; SMI Draft Fact Sheet_MassDEP Comments.docx

Hi Shauna-

Please find attached MassDEP's comments on the Specialty Minerals draft permit and fact sheet. (b) (5)

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please let MassDEP know so we can discuss before public notice of the draft permit.

Please contact Jennifer with any questions on our comments.

Thanks,
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MassDEP Due Date: May 9, 2019

Re: Draft Permit and Fact Sheet, Specialty Minerals Inc., MA0005991

EPA is transmitting the above-referenced documents for MassDEP review, with the specific purpose of soliciting your agency's views on the legal, technical and scientific bases for EPA's permit determinations, in light of your agency's role in interpreting state water quality standards. EPA is the permitting authority in your state, and as such is the final decision maker on matters concerning the federal permit. EPA, however, observes that federal water permits are routinely jointly issued/adopted by your state under independent state authorities. In those circumstances, EPA and the state effectively function as co-regulators. Even if a permit is not jointly issued or adopted, EPA and the state share a common objective of ensuring that the Clean Water Act is effectively administered, consistent with principles of cooperative federalism, and that compliance with Clean Water Act requirements, including applicable state water

quality standards, is assured. These are draft, pre-decisional documents and their content may be subject to substantial revision prior to final issuance. EPA expects that these preliminary determinations will be informed and improved through discussions with your agency.

EPA will consider comments received on or before the date specified above in order assure that permit proceeding continue to advance at a reasonably expeditious pace. The due date has been established in accordance with previously agreed upon timeframes outlined in the EPA/State PPA P&C list.

Please send comments on the above referenced documents to Shauna Little. Thank you.

Damien

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